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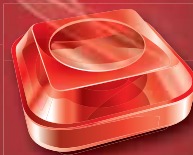
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RETURN OF THE MAC

Halifax Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon skates in his first practice with the team on Thursday at the Metro Centre since he was on the Canadian world junior team. MacKinnon returns to the Halifax lineup this weekend. For the story, see page 29. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Team feels 'wronged' by suspension

Hazing incident.

Dalhousie women's hockey players to appeal decision through justice system if necessary, statement says

Rookies were asked to eat whipped cream, hot peppers and sardines at a party that later led to the suspension of the bulk of the Dalhousie Tigers women's hockey team, a statement released by the team on Thursday said.

The statement recalls the team's version of events of a private house party in September and condemns the university's punishment of the alleged hazing as an "overreaction."

It said rookie players were sent on a scavenger hunt to find whipped cream, hot peppers and sardines that they were later told to eat as part of the party to welcome new play-

Quoted

"It all comes down to the fact that we love hockey and we all want to play. It's so hard to have that taken away from us."

Fifth-year captain Liz Matheson
courtesy The Canadian Press

ers.

"No one was forced to do anything," the statement said, adding that senior members of the team were looking out for the safety of the five first-year players.

"They (the rookie players) then returned to dress up in odd clothing, play drinking games, and answer questions with the intention of getting to know everyone better and feeling more comfortable as part of the group."

The statement goes on to say that the players feel they have been "wronged" and "be-

trayed" by the university.

The team apologized "for any mistakes we made that night," but said the punishment — which cost the team the rest of the season — "far exceeds" the severity of the events at the party.

The team also sent an appeal delivered to Dalhousie University president Tom Traves on Tuesday signed by 22 players requesting that the decision be reversed. It's also asked for a meeting with Traves.

University spokesman Charles Crosby said the team's recounting of the hazing is "extremely selective."

"There's a lot of things we aren't hearing," said Crosby, who has said the party involved excessive drinking, intimidation and humiliation.

The statement proposed a restorative approach as punishment, but Crosby said that should happen over and beyond the suspensions, citing the school's zero tolerance for hazing. **ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO**

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Class action. NDP takes no position on orphanage case

The NDP government is neither for nor against certification of a class-action lawsuit by former residents of a Dartmouth orphanage who allege they were abused, Premier Darrell Dexter says.

Dexter said on Thursday that the province, as a named defendant in the case, is obligated to file documents under court procedure.

"There is a law in Nova Scotia around the way that class actions are pursued and the question is, 'Does it fit?'" Dexter said. "We'll be part of that discussion the same way that the claimants will be and, obviously, the other defendants."

Asked by reporters whether that means the government supports or is opposed to the class action, Dexter said, "Neither."

The documents filed on Tuesday in Nova Scotia Supreme Court offer little in the way of the government's position on the matter and consist of court records related to proceedings in dozens of cases already in the court system.

Dexter also said the class action will have no effect on whether the province decides to call a public inquiry into the decades-old allegations of physical, mental and sexual abuse at the home.

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Darrell Dexter METRO FILE



Water, water, everywhere, but maybe not forever. The proposed new water-rate structure emphasizes consumption, something environmentalists hope will spur people to think more about the water they consume. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Conservation the aim of proposed water-rate hike

Right direction. New fee structure shifts focus to consumption charges and wiser use of water

Quoted

"This will give ratepayers a way to save money and be rewarded for saving water, so it's a step in the right direction, for sure."

Gretchen Fitzgerald, Sierra Club Atlantic Canada director



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The latest application for a rate increase by the municipal water commission includes a move toward conservation that's getting cautious praise from an environmental advocate.

The Halifax Regional Water Commission is proposing a new rate structure that draws more revenue from

charges based on user consumption.

Spokesman James Campbell said the average water bill includes a base charge of \$144.12 and a consumption charge of \$95.69.

Under the new structure, the base charge would drop to \$80.84, and the average consumption charge would be \$169.58.

"It's reflective of the fact that we want folks to recognize that the more they consume, the more they're going

to pay," Campbell said.

The emphasis on consumption charges was something the Sierra Club Atlantic Canada advocated during the water commission's last rate-hike application.

Atlantic Canada director Gretchen Fitzgerald said it's a small, but key change.

"We are water gluttons. So giving price signals is a really good way to get people to think a bit more about how they're using water," she said.

Campbell said the increas-

es — worth about \$200 over two years on the average bill — are needed to pay for \$2.6 billion in infrastructure upgrades over the next 30 years.

"The investments haven't been made for decades now, so the wastewater system's in pretty poor condition," she said. "It's been put off for a long time and you can't keep putting these things off and passing them on to the next generation."

Fitzgerald said future infrastructure costs could be mitigated through the integration of urban planning and conservation measures to reduce the load on existing infrastructure.

"I do think the holistic approach would save them costs and then, by extension, ratepayers' costs," she said.

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Dartmouth. Woman who starved her foster child to be sentenced Friday

A Dartmouth woman who admitted to starving her infant foster daughter to near death will be sentenced on Friday.

Susan Elizabeth MacDonnell pleaded guilty in November 2011 to aggravated assault and failing to provide the necessities of life for her then-11-month-old foster child named Rachel.

Nova Scotia Supreme Court Justice Kevin Coady is expected to hand down his decision at 2 p.m. Friday after a sentencing hearing took place earlier this week.

According to the CBC, the Crown is asking for a five-

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year sentence, plus a DNA order and a two-year weapons ban. The defence has requested a two-year sentence plus probation.

The child, now four years old, is reportedly healthy with her adopted family.

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Struggle during arrest

Man's ribs not fractured, so probe into conduct ends

Nova Scotia's Serious Incident Response Team has ended an investigation into an arrest by Halifax police after finding a man detained by officers was not seriously injured.

In a statement Thursday, the team said police stopped

a car in Halifax on Dec. 15 and arrested a 47-year-old man on an outstanding warrant.

There was a physical struggle between the man and police officers, and the man said he had rib fractures a short time after his arrest.

An investigation began after he contacted the review team to ask for an inquiry.

But the team says an X-ray later showed his ribs were not fractured.

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Credit-card fraud. Beware of phone vishing scam, Halifax police warn

Police are warning Nova Scotians about a phone scam involving the caller posing as a police officer and requesting credit-card information.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said so far there have been no victims of the so-called vishing scam. One complaint has been lodged with HRP and another at Cape Breton Regional Police.

Bourdages says the call appears to come from HRP with the caller claiming that the person's credit card has been compromised and then asks for card information for verification.

Such calls should be reported to the HRP/RCMP Integrated Financial Crime Unit at 490-1985.

Calls from HRP show up as coming from a blocked number. ANDREW RANKIN/METRO



Police on scene Tuesday investigating the fatal shooting of Raymond Floyd Peters. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Silence makes work tougher for police

Raymond Floyd Peters shooting. Police chief says despite painstaking efforts, investigators yet to yield suspect



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Four days after 24-year-old Raymond Floyd Peters was shot and killed in Dartmouth, police have made no arrests.

But Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais says it's still early in the investigation. He's also heard rumours coming out of the North End community that many know the identity of the shooter but homicide investigators have yet to col-

Following up



"We have heard the rumours out there and we are following up on them."

Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais, pictured, in reference to the homicide of Raymond Floyd Peters.

lect sufficient evidence to lay charges.

"There aren't that many people that want to divulge that information," Blais said about identifying who did it. "They don't want to for various reasons and that makes it difficult, especially where criminals are involved. People know one another and they don't want to cooperate."

"There's still a lot of background to be done," he added. "We have investigators in the snow using metal de-

tectors, we're trying to do a full profile on the victim and collect evidence at the scene. These things take time."

Peters was shot and killed on a backyard property bordering Pinecrest Drive and Primrose Street on Monday evening.

Three other murders committed in the area in 2011 — one on Pinecrest Drive and two more on neighboring Primrose Street — remain unsolved.

But Blais said those files remain open and investiga-

tors are still working to solve those cases.

"It's not unusual for homicide case to take up to two, three, four years to solve," he said. "Just because something is dated it doesn't mean we're not doing anything. We need absolute facts so we can obtain evidence to go to the next level."

A December Statistics Canada report showed Halifax had the country's second-worst per capita homicide rate of metropolitan areas last year. But Blais said things are getting better, pointing to a drop in homicide rates: there were 12 homicides in Halifax last year compared to 18 in 2011.

"We're trying to bring that number down," said Blais. "I'd like it at zero but it will take time for that to happen."

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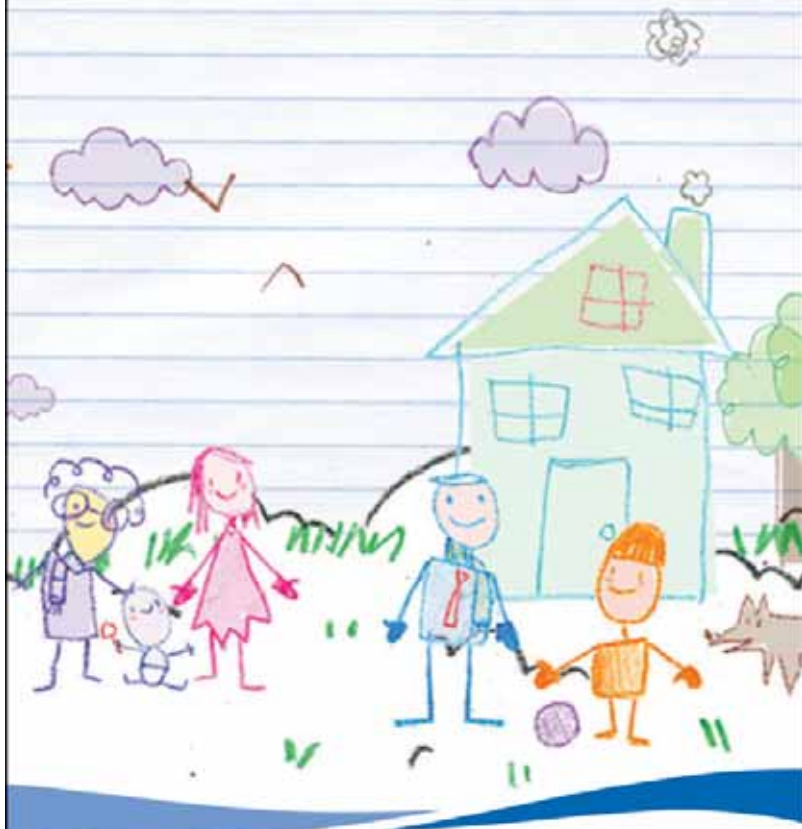


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Plastic-to-oil venture coming to HRM?

Terrific technology. Local scientist wows city committee with process to extract crude oil from waste plastics



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A local consortium of scientists and businesspeople is asking HRM to partner up on an eco-minded venture based on a fantastic feat of material science.

Representatives of Eco Resource Management (ERM) and Adams Management Group — including former MLA Wayne Adams — came to the city's environment and sustainability committee meeting Thursday to present a brief overview of its Plastic to Oil (P2O) process.

The process, in essence, extracts crude oil from waste plastics.

"We'd like to take equipment that is working out there, and combine that into a system that is able to take the oil content from plastic and

recover it in a sellable form," engineer Dietmar Tholen told the captivated committee members.

P2O works on plastics designated Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 — none of which can currently be processed in Nova Scotia — and is highly efficient.

"We have roughly 85 to 90 per cent of oil coming out," said Tholen, adding about 10 per cent of that oil could be used to power a full extraction facility. "So the sellable product, we have about 75 to 80 per cent left over."

The process includes a first-of-its-kind "volume reduction" process for expanded polystyrene, or Styrofoam.

Tholen said the material is a growing concern for landfill operators because it weighs so little, but takes up so much space — 50 times more than other materials.

"By taking plastic out of the landfill, it would extend the longevity of the landfill by a significant period," he said.

The consortium is looking for support to establish a processing facility in the Halifax area. City staffers will meet with the members to discuss the technology and a potential partnership in greater detail.

Contentious issue

Talks on wood-first policy delayed

A discussion on the contentious wood-first policy did not take place at Thursday's committee meeting.

Following a presentation by the Atlantic Concrete Association opposing the policy, Coun. Jennifer Watts asked for another staff report incorporating information from the association, as well as the cement industry.

The committee also received correspondence from the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and the Construction Association of Nova Scotia regarding the recommendation to give wood "first consideration" for non-residential municipal construction projects.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO



Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle leaves court in Halifax on Oct. 10, 2012. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Delay. Sentencing hearing for navy officer guilty of espionage set for Jan. 31

A Nova Scotia judge has granted a three-week delay for the sentencing hearing of a navy officer who pleaded guilty to selling military secrets to Russia.

Provincial court Judge Pat Curran adjourned the matter until Jan. 31 because of a medical issue that prevented

the federal prosecutor from attending Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle's case on Thursday in Halifax.

Delisle's lawyer, Mike Taylor, told the judge he didn't object to the application, but outside court he said his client is eager to have the case completed.

Delisle, who is from Bedford, came to the courthouse in a sheriff's van, but he did not appear in court.

He pleaded guilty in October to breach of trust and passing information to a foreign entity that could harm Canada's interests.

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Murder charge laid in Jessome case



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A Glace Bay man will face a charge of second-degree murder in the killing of Laura Catherine Jessome last May.

Morgan James MacNeil, 21, will appear in Sydney provincial court Friday morning to face the charge that was laid against him Thursday evening.

MacNeil is in the Cape Breton Correctional Centre where he's currently being held on a host of unrelated charges, most of which stem from two robberies at a bank and a jewelry store in May.

He was arrested on Wednesday night and then was remanded on the murder

charge once it was laid by police.

Desiree Vassallo, a spokesperson for Cape Breton Regional Police, said the investigation is still ongoing and more charges are expected.

"Because it's still an active investigation I can't speculate on specifics but it is ongoing and at the time we can lay more charges and release that information then we will," she said.

Last month, when regional police charged Robert Edwin Matheson, 49, and Bryan Augustine Deruelle, 37, both of Glace Bay, with being ac-

cessories after the fact to murder in Jessome's death, the court informations also indicated who police believed killed the 21-year-old woman.

MacNeil and Thomas Barrett, 37, also of Glace Bay, were listed by police as her suspected killers.

The court document alleged Matheson and Deruelle knew that both Barrett and Morgan had murdered Jessome and helped them for the purpose of escaping.

Vassallo wouldn't say whether a murder charge against Barrett is imminent.

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Success. RCMP operation tackling drug traffickers nets 24 arrests, weapons

A 13-month RCMP operation into drug trafficking in eastern Nova Scotia has netted 24 arrests and the seizure of thousands of dollars in illegal drugs along with multiple seizures of personal property and weapons.

Operation HAKON has led to arrests in two Cape Breton counties — Victoria and Inverness — along with Antigonish County on the mainland. More than 130 charges have been filed.

Among the items seized by police are 25 kilograms of marijuana, 1.5 kilograms of cocaine, 1 kilogram of hash oil, 1 kilogram of hash, and more than 100 marijuana plants.

Also seized were 17 firearms and related weapons including body armour, a AK47 assault rifle, a .22-calibre handgun, five .22-calibre rifles, five 12-gauge shotguns and three 410-gauge shotguns. CAPE BRETON POST

Thrift store in the city's south end back in business

Good deed. Salvation Army Thrift Store open six days a week, closed on Sunday

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A south-end community thrift store charred by a fire at a nearby restaurant more than two months ago opened its doors again this week.

The Salvation Army Thrift Store at 5280 Green St. opened for business Wednesday after smoke and water damage wiped the store's entire stock and forced the shop to close during its busy pre-Christmas season.

Barbara Warren of the Salvation Army said renovations are ongoing, but a large area has been cordoned off as a temporary space for customers to shop for things like clothes, electronics and furniture.

Warren said the outpouring of support from the community and nearby businesses over the past few months has been "wonderful." She said a host of community members contributed to re-

Continue to donate

Barbara Warren of the Salvation Army is urging people to continue to donate to the store. That can be done at any time during regular business hours.

stocking the store's shelves.

"We received phone calls and even well-wishes from people who actually came to the door while ... we were in there working," she said. "A big thanks to the people who did clothing drives for us, because there were more than one."

The task heading into the new year will be making up the store's revenue shortfall, said Warren.

"The less sales we make, the less that goes to the community that we are in," said Warren. "The majority of our sales go to the community that we are in ... and this community loss is a great deal."

Warren said it will be another few months before the renovations are complete. She said there's an area of about 1,200 square feet that's still not being used.



Salvation Thrift store manager Dorothy Tibert stocks the clothing isles at the store on Green street, which is now open after fire damage had closed the location late in 2012. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Local 88

St. Francis Xavier strike vote set

Unionized support staff at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish are taking a strike vote.

The 150 workers are members of Local 88 of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sigh of relief

No new E. coli cases reported

No new cases of E. coli were reported in Nova Scotia Thursday, according to the province's department of health, which announced on Wednesday that the 10 cases in the province are part of a national outbreak.

Laboratory testing of five

samples taken from 10 infected Nova Scotia residents match those of four infected in Ontario and six others in New Brunswick.

Nova Scotia chief medical officer of health Dr. Robert Strang said Monday that officials believe the E. coli outbreak originated in a restaurant in the form of produce, such as lettuce.

Results from the other five Nova Scotia specimens



Dr. Robert Strang METRO FILE

are expected by Friday, but could take longer. METRO

Nominated

Oscar nod for Haligonian

A Halifax filmmaker is headed to a star-studded Hollywood award show.

Ariel Nasr's film Buzkashi Boys was named one of five nominees Thursday in the live-action short film category at the 2013 85th Oscar Academy Awards.

The film, directed by Sam French and produced by Nasr, tells the story of two young Afghan boys and their hopes to play Buzkashi — a brutal game of horse polo played with a dead goat, the film's website said.

Nasr is an award-winning filmmaker who wrote and directed Good Morning Kandahar and The Boxing Girls of Kabul. METRO

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Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield responds to a question during a news conference from the International Space Station on Thursday. The Sarnia, Ont., native arrived at the space lab three weeks ago. PAUL CHASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hadfield provides overhead perspective of Syrian conflict

Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield says everyone would benefit from seeing the world through the eyes of astronauts who are aboard the International Space Station.

During his first news conference since arriving at the giant orbiting space lab three weeks ago, the 53-year-old space veteran was asked on Thursday about the conflict in Syria as viewed from outer space.

"The perspective that we are subject to, that we are privileged to see differently with our eyes, is one that I think would benefit everyone," Hadfield said.

The space station circles the Earth in just 90 minutes, and every time it comes around it passes over a differ-

ent part of the so-called Blue Marble.

Hadfield said it is hard to reconcile the beauty of the world as seen from space with the terrible things that people do to each other.

But the Canadian astronaut said the international team on the space station is trying to give people a small glimpse of a global perspective — "understanding of the fact that we're all in this together and that this is a spaceship, but so is the world."

Hadfield recently tweeted a picture of the Middle Eastern country to his followers — a number that had reached more than 160,000 on Thursday.

When the prolific Tweeter

Extended stopover

Hadfield is currently on a five-month visit and will become the first Canadian to take command of the space station in mid-March.

- His first space trip was in November 1995 when he visited the Russian Space Station Mir.
- His second voyage was a visit to the International Space Station in April 2001, when he also performed two space walks.

blasted into space on Dec. 19, he had only 20,000 Twitter followers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Bombings in Pakistan leave at least 115 dead

Separate incidents. Responsibility for various blasts blamed on militant sectarians, separatists and the U.S.

A series of bombings in different parts of Pakistan killed at least 115 people on Thursday, including 81 who died in a sectarian attack on a bustling billiard hall in the southwest city of Quetta, officials said.

The blasts punctuated one of the deadliest days in recent years in Pakistan, where the government faces a bloody insurgency by Taliban militants in the northwest and Baluch militants in the southwest.

The country is also home to many enemies of the U.S. that Washington has frequently targeted with drone attacks. A U.S. missile strike Thursday killed five suspected militants in the seventh such attack in two weeks,

Pakistani intelligence officials said.

A billiard hall in Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province, was hit by twin blasts about five minutes apart on Thursday night, killing 81 people and wounding more than 120 others, said a senior police officer.

The billiard hall was located in an area dominated by Shiite Muslims. Many of the people who rushed to the scene after the first blast were hit by the second bomb, which caused the roof of the building to collapse, he said.

Police officers, journal-

ists and rescue workers who responded to the initial explosion were also among the dead, police said.

The sectarian militant group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi claimed responsibility for the attack to local journalists.

Radical Sunni groups often target Pakistan's Shiite minority, whom they believe hold heretical views and are not true Muslims.

Earlier in the day, a bomb targeting paramilitary soldiers in a commercial area in Quetta killed 12 people and wounded more than 40 others, said Shakeel, the senior police officer.

The United Baluch Army, a separatist group, claimed responsibility for the attack.

Elsewhere in Pakistan, a bomb in a crowded Sunni mosque in the northwest city of Mingora killed 22 people and wounded more than 70, said senior police officer Akhtar Hayyat.

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More bloodshed

Indian troops fired across the disputed Kashmir border and killed a Pakistani soldier Thursday, Pakistan's military said, the third deadly incident in the disputed Himalayan region in recent days.

'They are innocent.' Gang-rape suspects beaten by police, lawyer claims

Police badly beat the five suspects arrested in the brutal gang rape and killing of a young woman on a New Delhi bus, the lawyer for one of the men said Thursday, accusing authorities of tampering with evidence in the case that has transfixed India.

"They are innocent," Manohar Lal Sharma said of the five suspects ahead of a court hearing, which ended quickly after it turned out some of the official court paperwork listing the charges was illegible. He said police have beaten the men and placed other prisoners into

the suspects' cells to threaten them with knives, adding, "You can't believe the reality of Indian prisons."

Five men have been charged with attacking the 23-year-old woman and her male friend on a bus as it was driven through the streets of India's capital. The woman was raped and assaulted with a metal bar on Dec. 16 and eventually died of her injuries.

Rape victims are not identified in India, even if they die, and rape trials are closed to the media.

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Separatists

3 Kurdish women killed in Paris

Three Kurdish women, including a founder of the militant separatist group the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), were shot to death in Paris, French officials said Thursday. Hundreds of Kurds flooded the neighbourhood, with some claiming the deaths were a "political assassination" and blaming Turkey.

The slayings came as Turkey was holding peace talks with the group to try to persuade it to disarm. The conflict between the PKK and the Turkish government has claimed tens of thousands of lives since 1984. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Divisive issue

Irish majority in favour of more abortion rights, poll suggests

Most people in Ireland want lawmakers to give women wider access to abortion, a poll revealed Thursday as senior clerics testified before a parliamentary committee investigating Ireland's ban on the practice.

Prime Minister Enda Kenny's government has pledged to legalize abortion for women whose lives are deemed in danger from a pregnancy. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Manohar Lal Sharma, lawyer for one of the accused in a New Delhi gang rape, says police tampered with case evidence. SAURABH DAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hudson Bay fears

Trapped whales safe ... or are they?

A Quebec town is cautiously celebrating after a dozen killer whales trapped by sea ice appear to have reached safety amid the shifting floes of Hudson Bay.

Locals in Inukjuak say two hunters reported Thursday that the waters had opened up around a single breathing hole in the ice where the orcas had frantically bobbed for air.



Killer whales surface through a small hole in the ice this week in northern Quebec. THE CANADIAN PRESS

But fears remained that water currents and ever-moving ice in the massive bay may have boxed the animals in somewhere else. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pregnant teen safe after Amber Alert, police say

Saskatchewan RCMP say a missing, pregnant teenager who was the subject of an Amber Alert is safe.

RCMP said Thursday evening the girl and her 16-year-old boyfriend were brought by members of his family to a detachment in Swift Current, Sask., without incident.

The 14-year-old girl is eight months pregnant.

The Mounties said the alert was originally issued because

of allegations the girl was forcibly taken from her family's home in Maple Creek, Sask., on Wednesday night. But the boy's mother says it was all a misunderstanding.

The Youth Criminal Justice Act bans identification of a youth suspect.

The alert was issued after the girl's family reported a pair of intruders wearing ski masks burst into their home.

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Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, speaks at a news conference Thursday. "Governments need to understand that our resolve is absolute," he said earlier in the day. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombshell split may derail date with Harper

Landmark 'summit.'

First Nations leader Atleo acknowledges his mandate has been dramatically weakened

New roadblocks threatened late last night to torpedo a critical meeting Friday between aboriginal leaders and Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The head of Canada's largest aboriginal group acknowledged he'll be forced to go into the meeting — if it takes place at all — with a divided membership and weakened mandate.

Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, says he has made mistakes and the organization he leads has made mistakes.

But at a news conference Thursday night he pleaded with fellow chiefs to put aside their divisions or those splits will be exploited by governments across the country.

Atleo was holding late-night meetings with the chiefs — who elected him last July — ahead of Friday's meeting with Harper and two of his cabinet ministers.

Those meetings were

Spence started it

It was a month-long protest by Attawapiskat chief Theresa Spence — who is eating only fish broth — that triggered the idea of a meeting between aboriginal leaders and Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

• **Problem?** Manitoba and Ontario chiefs have threatened not to attend unless Gov. Gen. David Johnston is there. He has now agreed to a request from Harper to host a ceremonial meeting with First Nations leaders at Rideau Hall.

aimed at quelling a growing wave of protests and blockades organized by the Idle No More movement that has found inspiration from Theresa Spence.

Spence, chief of Ontario's Attawapiskat reserve has been on a liquid-only diet for four weeks to draw attention to the plight of First Nations across the country.

The refusal of prominent chiefs to take part in Friday's meeting could undermine any agreement that comes out of the gathering.

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Top gumshoe tried selling info to tabloid

'Gross breach.'
Detective found guilty
was worried hacking
inquiry took resources
away from war on
terror: Witness

A top British counterterrorism detective was found guilty Thursday of trying to sell information to one of Rupert

Murdoch's tabloids, becoming the first person convicted on charges related to Britain's phone-hacking scandal since a police investigation was reopened in early 2011.

Det. Chief Insp. April Casburn was charged with misconduct for phoning the News of the World tabloid and offering to pass on information about whether London's police force would reopen its stalled phone-hacking investigation.

Disloyalty

"She betrayed the service and let down her colleagues."

London Metropolitan Police, in a statement

Prosecutors said the tabloid did not print a story based on her call and no money changed hands but she had committed a "gross breach" of the public trust by offering

to sell the information.

Casburn, 53, also was accused of trying to ruin the phone-hacking inquiry — which centred on Murdoch journalists at the now-defunct News of the World — by leaking information to the press.

A key witness testified that Casburn wanted to torpedo the hacking inquiry because she feared it would drain resources from the fight against terrorism. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



April Casburn of the London Metropolitan Police leaves court in London, Thursday. Casburn has been found guilty of offering The News of the World information about the phone hacking investigation. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hot tix. Inauguration invites go for \$2K online, despite anti-scalping efforts

Tickets to U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration this month are supposed to be free, but they're being sold on eBay and Craigslist for up to \$2,000 apiece.

Efforts by congressional offices and the Presidential Inaugural Committee, which are distributing tickets to inaugural events, haven't stopped online entrepreneurs.

"These tix are going like hot cakes, and for FAR more than I am listing them for on here," boasted one anonymous seller in a post Wednesday on Craigslist.

The seller, who did not return an email from The Associated Press, offered two seats to the Jan. 21 swearing-in at the Capitol for \$4,000.

Even though enthusiasm isn't as high as it was for Obama's historic inauguration four years ago, memories of the incredible crowd for that sprawling outdoor event seem to have driven up prices for this year. The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies issued some 250,000 tickets for lawmakers to give out however they see fit.

Scalping the tickets is not illegal. But the committee's



Barack Obama takes the oath of office in this 2009 file photo. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

chairman, Sen. Chuck Schumer, says he is encouraging members of Congress to distribute them fairly.

Unlike congressional tickets, tickets distributed by the Presidential Inaugural Committee can't be resold without permission of the committee. Although tickets for the swearing-in ceremony are free, some other inaugural events charge admission.

Online ads on sites like Craigslist, eBay and StubHub offered ticket packages Wednesday for upward of \$4,000 to presidential committee events.

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War on terror

Zero Dark Thirty slammed by ex-Gitmo inmates

Two former Guantanamo detainees on Thursday condemned Zero Dark Thirty, a film about the hunt for Osama bin Laden whose brutal interrogation scenes have sparked a discussion over the use of extreme methods in the U.S. campaign against terror.

"These people are getting away not only with committing the torture ... they're justifying it," said Omar Deghayes, who was left partially blind after what he said was a guard's attempt to gouge out his eyes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Hard time for handcuffing

Rico not-so suave at Taco Bell

A U.S. man who handcuffed himself to a female co-worker in an effort to get a date has been sentenced to four years in prison.

The Rome News-Tribune in Georgia reports that 25-year-old Jason Earl Dean handcuffed himself to the 18-year-old in August 2011. They worked together at a Taco Bell restaurant.

Dean had been charged with false imprisonment.

Lookout Mountain Assistant District Attorney Alan Norton says Dean is also not allowed to have any contact with the victim or her family.

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Still overcoming trauma at sea

Costa Concordia.

Survivor gets a harsh lesson: You can't just love the sea, you must fear and respect it



JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

Peter Grajda has always been a ship enthusiast. That's why, only four months after he survived the Costa Concordia disaster in Italy on Jan. 13, 2012, he set sail again.

"It wasn't a good experience," the Toronto resident said of his spring voyage. "It was an eight-night cruise, and I slept only two nights — and then only because we had reached Bermuda. The ship was there overnight and I knew the ship was not in the sea."

Grajda had always loved cruising. He used to feel safe in a large boat and felt comforted by the life jackets, the lifeboats and the feeling that nothing could ever really go wrong.

That changed. "Each sound, each movement — like if the ship would move a little bit, or

Sudden horror



"It was beautiful weather, the beginning of a voyage.... Just three and a half hours later, everybody was running for their lives to find space in the lifeboats."

Peter Grajda, survivor

some noise — and right away I was alarmed that something might go wrong," he said.

When the Costa Concordia capsized, Grajda was in his cabin, having boarded the ship earlier that day.

"We were leaving the city of Civitavecchia, and everybody was very excited.... Just three and a half hours later, everybody was running for their lives.... It was chaos and it was terrible," he said.

Grajda talked the experience over with a friend who is a seasoned sea captain.

"He told me about the fear: that everyone who is related to

the sea has to experience some fear. As long as he's aware of the power and the force of the sea and how damaging it can be — from that comes the respect of the sea," Grajda said. "It's very hard ... but you have to learn to live with this fear somehow."

That's why Grajda tried again. In November, he went on another cruise. It went better. He's learning to live with his fear, respect the sea as a force of nature and embrace his passion for cruises.

"With time it's healing, this trauma. But slowly," he said.

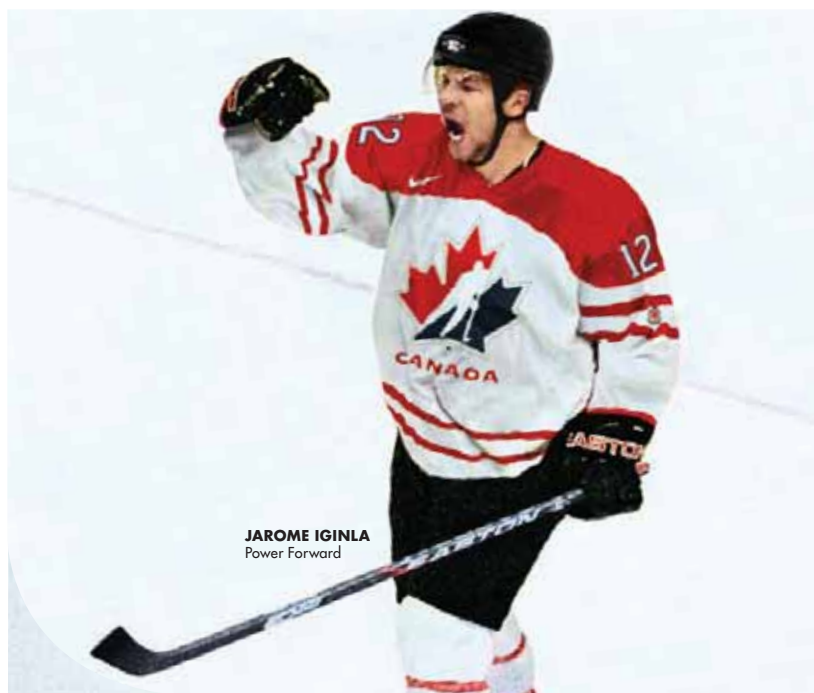
One thing that hasn't changed since the days that followed the disaster is his disdain for the Concordia's captain, Francesco Schettino.

"Thirty-two souls gone. A half-billion-dollar ship destroyed," Grajda said. "This man, I think he has a serial kind of ego problem, a psychological problem, because it's unbelievable."

Schettino, who is facing many charges, including manslaughter and abandoning ship, told an investigating judge he left the sinking ship because he had accidentally fallen into the lifeboat that took him to safety and couldn't get out.



Peter Grajda took this shot as the Costa Concordia went down. He said three life boats got stuck while being lowered, and passengers were forced to jump back to the sinking ship. They were the last free boats. PETER GRAJDA/CONTRIBUTED



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When Alameda County Sheriff's deputies entered the Castro Valley home, they not only found 34 pounds of marijuana valued at an estimated \$100,000, but also the five-foot-long caiman inside a Plexiglas tank guarding it in a bedroom.

Officials at the Oakland Zoo said Mr. Teeth died Wednesday, a day after it was

Quoted

"We get guard dogs all the time when we search for grow houses ... but alligators? You don't see that every day."

Sgt. J.D. Nelson
Alameda County Sheriff's office

seized. The caiman was very sick when it arrived at the zoo's veterinary hospital, zoo spokesperson Nicky Mora said Thursday.

Caimans are usually found in the wetland regions of Central America and South America.

They're considered close relatives of alligators.

A 32-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possessing marijuana for sale.

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Who needs a guard dog when you have Mr. Teeth?

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Classroom fear

One student shot, but talking stops a rampage

Classes began at a rural California high school Thursday with a shooting.

A 16-year-old student armed with a shotgun walked into class in Taft, about 193 kilometres northwest of Los Angeles, and shot one student.

He fired at another but missed.

Then he was talked into surrendering by a teacher and another staff member, officials said.

The teen victim was in critical but stable condition, a police officer said.

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Newtown aftermath

Parents tell police: Don't leave schools

Parents in Newtown, Conn., want police to stay at town schools.

They say the sight of uniformed officers is a comfort to children still reeling from the Sandy Hook massacre.

The school district has had two officers at each of its six schools since the shooting on Dec. 14 that left 20 children and six staff members dead.

An official said children have not ventured outside school for recess because of anxiety.

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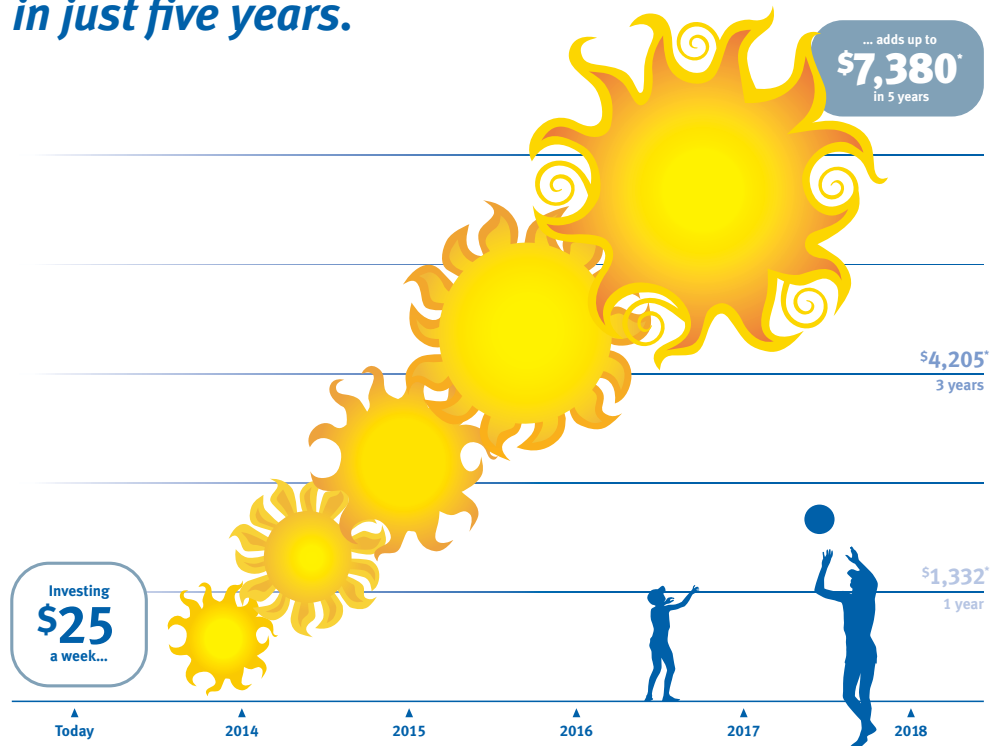
Oh, our wasteful world!

Waste not, want not. But is anyone listening? A worker places bruised fruit in a bin at a New York City market on Thursday — the day a landmark British report revealed that about half of all the food produced in the world is thrown away. The study blamed irresponsible behaviour by retailers and consumers. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES



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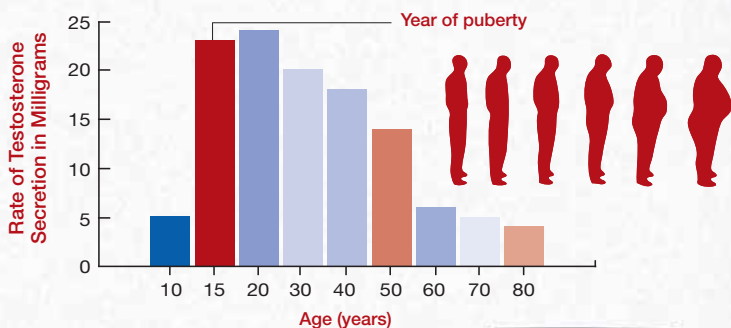
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Samsung shows smartphone with bendable screen

Gadget show. Phone has matchbox-sized hard enclosure with a paper-thin, flexible colour screen attached



Eric Rudder, chief technical strategy officer of Microsoft, holds a prototype Windows smartphone with a flexible OLED display at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Wednesday.

JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By showing off a phone with a flexible screen, Samsung Electronics Co. is hinting at a day when we might fold up our large phone or tablet screens as if they were maps.

The Korean electronics company provided a glimpse of such a device at a keynote speech Wednesday at the International CES gadget show in Las Vegas.

The phone's screen doesn't appear flexible enough to fold in half like a piece of paper, but it could bend into a tube.

The company also showed a video of a future concept,

with a phone-sized device that opens up like a book, revealing a tablet-sized screen inside.

The screen uses organic light-emitting diodes, or OLEDs. Only a thin layer of these chemicals is needed to produce a bright, colorful screen. They're used in many Samsung phones already, though with glass screens.

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For the bendable phone, Samsung laid the chemicals over thin plastic instead of glass. That's a trick you can't pull off with liquid crystals in standard displays.

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French cabbies slow traffic to snail's pace

Striking taxi drivers block access to Orly's airport, south of Paris, Thursday. Thousands of protesting taxi drivers lined up in single file on roadsides across France, refused fares or travelled highways at a crawl, in what is being called "Operation Escargot" to protest government deregulation proposals they fear will cut into their business. Taxi associations oppose government proposals to allow private companies to transport the sick to medical appointments and allow for new chauffeur businesses. MICHEL EULER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Indonesia sets new rules for cigarette packaging

Law watered down.
Tobacco companies have 18 months to implement regulations

Indonesia has issued regulations that require cigarette packets to bear graphic photographic warnings, a long-delayed measure in a country with one of the highest rates of smoking in the world.

The regulations were watered down following opposition by tobacco farmers and cigarette companies, and fall far short of those in many Western countries and other Asian markets. Billboard and TV advertising remains widespread, as is sponsorship of sports and pop music events.

The law bans companies from using terms such as "mild" and "light" in connection with their tobacco products, saying they are misleading. But a clause says

those brands that are already registered trademarks will be unaffected, meaning that top companies with huge-selling lines will be able to keep selling them.

Indonesian men rank as the world's top smokers, with two out of three of them lighting up. About three per cent of women smoke in the country. Indonesia is the fifth-largest cigarette-producing market, with an industry that employs millions.

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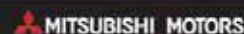
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THE LIST
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1 **Texas Chainsaw 3D.** The latest version of this cult classic stunned studio execs by finishing No. 1 at the box office, nudging out Quentin Tarantino's Oscar-nominated western Django Unchained and The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. Chainsaw doesn't signal the end of pop culture but rather the beginning of more campy, crappy horror flicks.

2 **Leafs fan in space.** Astronaut Chris Hadfield was smacked down after tweeting a picture of himself holding a Toronto Maple Leafs plaque from the International Space Station. I mean, what planet is Hadfield on cheering for them? And speaking of which, what planet are the Leafs on firing their GM Brian Burke a week before the season starts?

3 **iHeartRadio.** The free digital radio service has a new iPhone update allowing users to create custom stations based on their moods and activities, with genres such as Skinny Jeans: Boys with Guitars. Now iHeartRadio will know right away if this boy is in a Motorhead or Air Supply mood.

4 **Outhouse reward.** A man got national attention after posting an ad on Kijiji offering a \$500 reward after thieves took a large, brand new outhouse he had just constructed on his farm near Edmonton. If I were this guy, I'd raise a stink, too.

5 **Models.** The Canadian fashion industry was thrown for a loop this week when Ford Models made the shocking decision to pull out of Canada, saying it's closing its T.O. offices by the end of the month. This explains why forlorn models were seen walking the streets with catwalks tucked under their arms.

6 **@kobebryant.** His Laker team is having a miserable season, but at least Kobe Bryant now has Twitter to fall back on. "The antisocial has become social," tweeted @kobebryant to get the ball rolling. Kobe already has more than 700,000 followers, but he has a ways to go to catch NBA Twitter King LeBron James, who has nearly 6.9 million followers.

7 **The Bachelor.** This show about fame — and oh, yeah, love — kicked off its 17th season this week on ABC. Among the suitors for Sean Lowe was the drunk, creepy 50 Shades of Grey-obsessed Ashley P., who wanted to tie him up. Shockingly, she will not be getting a proposal. She was totally eliminated.

8 **Kate's 31st.** This is the year of Kate ... again. 2011 was her Royal Wedding, 2012 was her pregnancy announcement, and this year Royal Watchers will be waiting to see if it's a boy or girl, and the chosen name. For now, it's her 31st birthday week (Jan. 9). Last year, she got a puppy from Will. I recommend a Bugaboo baby stroller this year.

9 **Bowie.** The world showed some modern love for David Bowie this week when, under no pressure, he released a new single, Where Are We Now?, on his 66th birthday — and announced his first album in 10 years, The Next Day, will be coming out in March. Let's Dance to that.

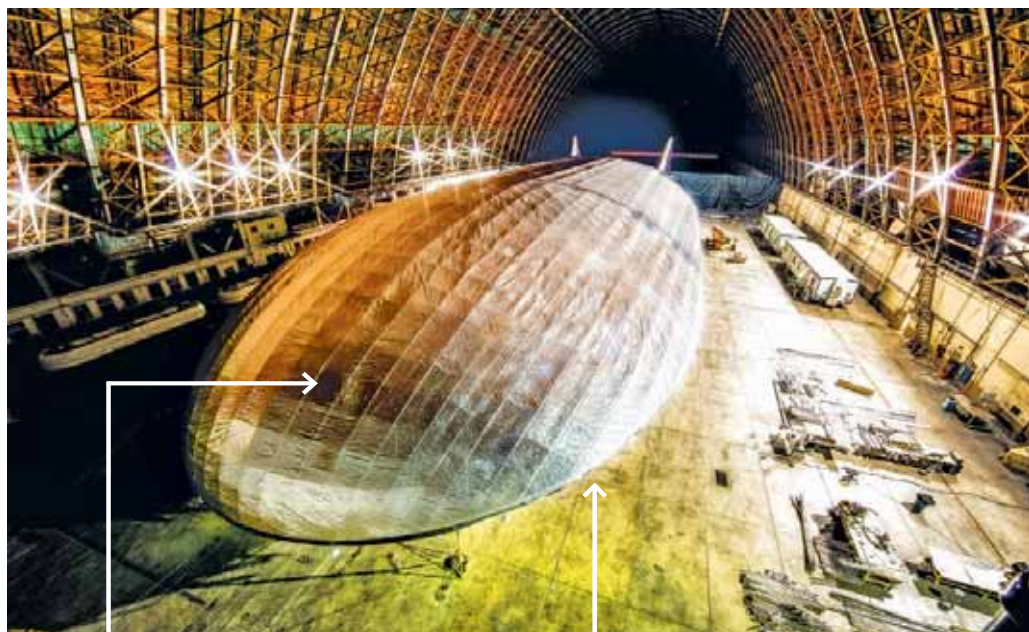
10 **Oprah.** Lance Armstrong talks to Oprah next week in his first no-holds-barred interview since the doping scandal. Might it be he admits his guilt? The interview airs Jan. 17 on Oprah's Next Chapter and will be streamed live worldwide on Oprah.com. Must-watch TV drama on your stationary bike.

11 **R.A. Dickey.** Toronto got to meet their new ace/knuckleballer this week, and fell in love. Dickey is perhaps the most articulate, intelligent athlete to come to town ever. Not to mention he has the best Twitter bio ever: "Father, Husband, Christian, Pitcher, Author, Adventurer, Star Wars Nerd, Reader, Ninja in Training & Cyclist."



He's really got a hold on Toronto: R.A. Dickey shows his knuckleball grip on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Blimp my air-cargo ride



WORLDWIDE AEROS

Future of air travel

Revolutionary airship revealed

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a "super-blimp"! The 79-metre Aeroscraft has been hailed as a revolutionary airship that aims to provide a new way of moving heavy and oversized cargo, especially to areas with limited or no infrastructure. California-based Aeros had recently completed construction of the airship prototype.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Engineer's viewpoint



"This is truly the beginning of a vertical global transportation solution for perhaps the next 100 years."

Aeros CEO and chief engineer Igor Pasternak

Airship features

- Payload.** The craft is pegged to carry cargo of up to 66 tons — equivalent to the weight of about a dozen elephants.
- Investment.** NASA and the U.S. Pentagon invested \$35 million in the project.
- Future demos.** Aeros is contractually obligated to show its airship's abilities, including vertical takeoff. It hopes to roll out its first flights in three years' time.

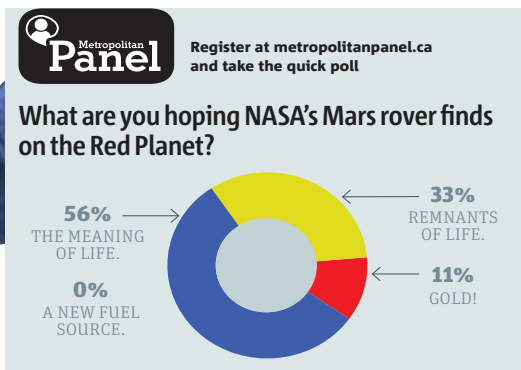
Technological innovation

Makers buoyed by breakthrough

In the past, airships have had buoyancy problems because they needed to be weighed down or tied to the ground to keep them from being carried away by the wind while cargo is unloaded. Aeros claims its Aeroscraft is "the world's first rigid variable-buoyancy air vehicle," with an ability to compress and release helium in its balloon to retain buoyancy for unloading.



Ship on a mission: Its makers believe Aeroscraft's rigid structure and landing capabilities could also see its airship used for humanitarian and military operations. WORLDWIDE AEROS



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@Tamurrable: I want an epic snow storm to hit #Halifax so I can drive around on my new bad ass with tires and save the world from evil destruction.

@jerryleewilson: Be careful #Halifax, there are hurricane force winds out in front of the Maritime Centre

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Zero Dark Thirty is getting early positive reviews with its heart-pumping-action-filled narrative. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



Find them and kill them

Morality tale. The Reel Guys agree that Zero Dark Thirty is a well-made film but differ when it comes to who enjoyed it

Richard: Mark, this isn't a who dunnit, or why dunnit, but a how dunnit. It's a detailed look at the step-by-step process that resulted in locating and exterminating bin Laden. The story begins before President Obama's famous, "We don't torture," speech, so it presents the uncomfortable, controversial truth that pitiless persuasion like sleep deprivation, boxing and waterboarding — so simple, yet so brutally, terrifyingly effective — was used to gain information. The torture scenes have been very much in the news, what did you think of them?

Mark: Revenge — I mean justice — isn't always pretty.

But it does show that you can negotiate with terrorists. The torture scenes set up the moral queasiness that runs through the whole movie.

As the C.I.A. honcho says, "Get me some names so I can kill them!"

And no one is safe in the final raid on the bin Laden compound, not even the innocent. Did I like the picture? I can only muster two cheers here. It's authentic and gritty, but much of it is a plodding procedural with only intermittent action. Richard, I think we'll agree it's a good movie, but did you enjoy watching it?

RC: I did. I thought it was a nuanced, suspenseful and terrifically exciting look at recent history. We know how the movie is going to end, so the trick is to keep us engaged through to the climax, which, for me, the movie does. Having said that, there is frequent overwriting — like the inevitable "then I'm gonna kill bin Laden" moment — which seems too easy for a

movie this clever, but, for me, Kathryn Bigelow's virtuosic handling of the climatic raid scene overpowers the film's weaker moments.

MB: This is an anti-heroic view of the events, which took a lot of guts on the filmmakers' parts. There's certainly no one to "root for," especially after the torture scenes. Jessica Chastain's character is devoid of any personal life; she is her job. So is everyone else. The military has never looked so unappealing. It's a grim and ugly job, and there's a lot of truth in that point of view, but I found myself resisting the movie in many places. A lot of critics think this is the best film of the year. Richard?

RC: I'd agree with that. It is grim, but so is the story it chooses to tell. It's also heart-thumpingly exciting and well made.

MB: Well-made indeed. But in the end, I respected it more than enjoyed it.

Synopsis

The film begins on 9/11 with audio of calls coming from the Twin Towers. Stage set, the movie leaps forward two years to the brutal waterboarding and torture of an Osama bin Laden relative by Dan (Jason Clarke), a C.I.A. expert in extracting information. Overseeing the enhanced interrogation techniques is Maya (Jessica Chastain), a newly recruited officer charged with helping to track down terrorist leader bin Laden and dismantle al-Qaeda. This is her story, a carefully plotted espionage tale that flows from the clues that lead to the death of bin Laden at the hands of the Navy S.E.A.L. Team 6 in May, 2011.

Star ratings:

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●

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For the love of all that is Lincoln

Academy Award nominations. Steven Spielberg's epic historical film tops the list with the most nods at 12, while Zero Dark Thirty gets only five



NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

It looks like it's Spielberg's race to lose at this year's Academy Awards, as his *Lincoln* pulled in 12 nominations — the most of any film nominated this year — including best adapted screenplay, best actor, best supporting actress, best director and best picture. If Oscar history is any indication, odds are the best director and best picture winners will align, so despite nine films being nominated this year, the real race is between *Amour*, *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, *Life of Pi*, *Lincoln* and *Silver Linings Playbook*, and our money is on Spielberg's historical drama.

The nominations of course signal shifting into the most intense section of awards season, something not all the nominees are necessarily thrilled about. "It's obviously exciting, it's like getting a promotion at work," best supporting actress nominee Jennifer Lawrence told Metro on the eve of the Oscar nominations, adding that her parents were staying with her and planned to have her up at 4:30 a.m. "I just get anxiety over parties, and that's



Daniel Day-Lewis nabbed a best actor nom for Lincoln. HANDOUT

what that means, essentially, to me, (being) surrounded by lots of people, and it just gives me anxiety just to think about it."

Biggest winners

Lincoln is the clear winner nomination-wise, with Ang Lee's *Life of Pi* close behind at 11 nods, while *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, which nabbed four high-profile nominations, and *Amour*, with five, had their profiles raised considerably. And the Academy's love for David O. Russell is clear. Much like with his last film, the *Fighter*, his *Silver Linings Playbook* earned spots for best picture, best director, best adapted screenplay and every acting category.

Biggest losers

Kathryn Bigelow's presumed Oscar juggernaut *Zero Dark Thirty* earned only five nods, including best original screenplay and best picture. Mark Boal and Jessica Chastain are still front-runners for

Canadian nominees

- **Best song; best original score.** Mychael Danna, Toronto, composer of *Life of Pi*
- **Best live-action short.** Yan England, Quebec, writer, director and producer of *Henry*; and Ariel Nasr, Halifax, producer of *Buzkashi Boys*
- **Best foreign-language film.** Kim Nguyen, Montreal, director of *Rebelle*
- **Best visual effects.** Guillaume Rocheron, France-born but Vancouver-based, visual effects supervisor of *Life of Pi*

writing and acting, but that's about it. And a lack of surprises in the best supporting actor category means our hopes of Javier Bardem being the first Bond villain nominated for an Oscar (for *Skyfall*) have been dashed. Leonardo DiCaprio was also snubbed, with his *Django Unchained* co-star Christoph Waltz edging him out. In the best foreign language race, the exclusion of French mega-hit *The Intouchables* means it's Michael Haneke's race to lose.

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Argo is in the running for a best motion picture statuette. HANDOUT



Les Misérables is up for best motion picture of the year. HANDOUT

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Drama/Crime



Gangster Squad

Director. Ruben Fleischer

Stars. Sean Penn, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone

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This movie will suffer from comparisons to *The Untouchables* and *LA Confidential*. It grabs the atmosphere of post war L.A. from the latter and the storyline — about an undercover team of police led by Sgt. O'Mara (Josh Brolin) who bring ruthless mobster Mickey Cohen to justice — almost beat for beat, from the former. But this is a far more blunt object than either of its forbearers. It's a period piece that spends a bit too much time exploring the down-and-dirty side of the story, but is a stylish look at a fascinating time.

RICHARD CROUSE

Drama/Action



The Impossible

Director. J.A. Bayona

Stars. Ewan McGregor, Naomi Watts

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After a tsunami wipes out their Thai resort, an English family are separated from one another with Maria (Watts) and her oldest son left wondering if her husband Henry (McGregor) and their two youngest sons are still alive. Based on a true story, director J.A. Bayona (the *Orphanage*) creates some of the year's most viscerally thrilling scenes during the initial tidal wave and its immediate aftermath. But the film peaks early and the ensuing search and flip-flopping points-of-view prove anticlimactic.

IAN GORMELY

Drama/Comedy



Hyde Park on Hudson

Director. Roger Michell

Stars. Bill Murray, Laura Linney

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Even a charming performance by Bill Murray can't quite save *Hyde Park on Hudson* from its own mismatched intent. One-part quasi-romantic drama between wartime President Franklin D. Roosevelt (Murray) and a distant cousin/mistress (Linney) and one-part comedy about Roosevelt's 1939 relationship-building with the King of England, one wishes filmmaker Roger Michell had chosen the latter to base his beautifully-shot film around even in spite of some crafty dialogue and plotting.

STEVE GOW

Arnie makes good on 'I'll be back' vow

The Last Stand.

After his turn as the Governor, Schwarzenegger returns to what he does best



Arnold Schwarzenegger stars in *The Last Stand*, which opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Arnold Schwarzenegger likes to beat people to a joke. "First of all, it's great to be back," he says with a grin before anyone gets a chance to adapt his famous catchphrase to his return to movies after an extended stint running the state of California.

And he is back, he insists, starring in *The Last Stand* as a small-town sheriff going up against an army of mercenaries.

"As you remember, when I got into the governorship in 2003, I said I only would go and run the state for the seven years that were remaining, then I would be back in the movie business," he says.

"So it was just kind of stepping out of the movie business

rather than kind of like I'm now going back to the movie business."

During that time, though, the movie business has changed, a harsh lesson for Schwarzenegger, considered a "contract genius" in his heyday for the deals he could broker

for films like *Eraser* and *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines* regardless of their success or failure.

"It's kind of like a scary thing to come back because you don't know if you're accepted or not," he admits.

"I have to also be realistic that I may see something that I may like to do, and I will go and take it to (producer) Lorenzo (di Bonaventura) and he will say, 'Oh, this is fantastic, but I don't think anyone is going to see it.' It's show business. It's the show, it's the acting, it's the performing, it's all of this, but you've got to be able to sell it also because movies cost a lot of money."

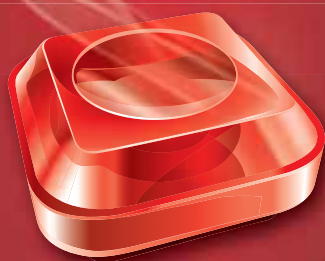
In *The Last Stand*, Schwarzenegger, now 65, is also hoping to get out in front of any wave of jokes about his age.

"You don't want to dwell on it, but to just throw it in, and it takes the curse off then," he says of jokes made at the expense of his advancing years in the film.

"You can make fun of yourself."

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Mark Wahlberg's recipe for making a hit movie

Broken City. Actor/producer's new movie low on budget, high on star power

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Need a movie made on a shoestring? Mark Wahlberg might be your man.

The former bad boy rapper turned Oscar-nominated actor and now film and TV producer shared his recipe for making films on a recent visit to Toronto.

"You gotta come in with that television mentality. You've got a lot less money and a lot less time, but you've got a great piece of material," he says.

The next ingredient is attracting top talent — as in the likes of Russell Crowe — by serving them juicy roles and offering them a share of the profits.

It's a time when Hollywood studios are reticent to take risks, and in the adult crime thriller genre — the genre where Wahlberg has carved his niche — it's the only way to stay ahead of the curve, he says.

In fact, he's baffled by massive movie budgets. "I was just in New Mexico shooting this movie that we shot in 38 days and before us *The Lone Ranger* was there. It's about two guys on horses and it cost \$250 million to make. Like, what the f— were these horses doing? You know, do they fly? I don't



Mark Wahlberg's latest film, *Broken City*, opens Jan. 18. HANDOUT

know. It's crazy."

By contrast, Wahlberg's latest film, *Broken City*, which opens Jan. 18, cost around \$55 million to make and boasts a cast that includes Wahlberg himself, Crowe and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

In it, Wahlberg plays an NYPD officer haunted by his past deadly vigilantism. Now as a private detective, he's been hired by New York's mayor (Crowe) to track the infidelities of his prominent client's wife.

The murky lawman is a role Wahlberg has come to love. "I can certainly appreciate and relate to these guys. The bad guy who is trying to do something good is usually the one I root for," he says.

Will never be complacent

Wahlberg's working class roots are no secret. As the youngest of nine children, he's built a multimillion dollar empire out of virtually nothing — and a near-irrational fear of losing everything keeps him going. "I always feel like

there's a good chance I'll end up back there," he says. "I keep that as a possibility and that keeps me focused and working hard. I don't want to let my guard down or feel too comfortable and start being complacent and then you start feeling entitled and everything else. I'm ready to go dig a ditch if I have to, whatever I have to do to provide for my family."

And out of all those shiny shadowy roles, which is his favourite?

He grins.

"Dignam. *The Departed* was

the most fun, because I'm from that world. I've spent a lot of time with those cops and I just got to f—ing steam roll everybody."

Golden Globes. New mom Adele to make 1st post-baby appearance

Adele is coming to the Golden Globes. The executive producer of the show says the 24-year-old Grammy-winning pop star is set to make her first post-baby appearance at Sunday's ceremony, where she is nominated for best original song for the James Bond theme *Skyfall*.

Adele welcomed her first child, with boyfriend Simon Konecki, in October. The singer has kept a low profile since announcing her pregnancy in June after sweeping the Grammy Awards last February with six wins. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Adele performs during the 54th Grammy Awards in Los Angeles in February 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

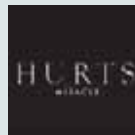
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Hands down my favourite song of the moment. The lyrics are definitely NSFW, but for a Friday night, this is perfect.

Miracle/Hurts

The band Hurts is a stylish two-piece from the UK. *Miracle* evokes memories of the post-New Romantic era of the early-to-mid '80s. The album, *Exile*, will be out in March.



On a Frontier of Wires/William Basinski:

In 1982, Basinski, an experimental musician, recorded *Shortwavemusic*, using various recycled sounds. It's just been reissued on — wait for it — reel-to-reel tape and in digital.



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From gunslinging to diaper-changing?

Change on the horizon. Justified's Timothy Olyphant, who plays Raylan, sounds off on the new stars and side stories of the show's fourth season

Raylan gets a new partner in (fighting) crime

Comedian Patton Oswalt joins the cast as Const. Bob Sweeney, on old classmate of Raylan's.

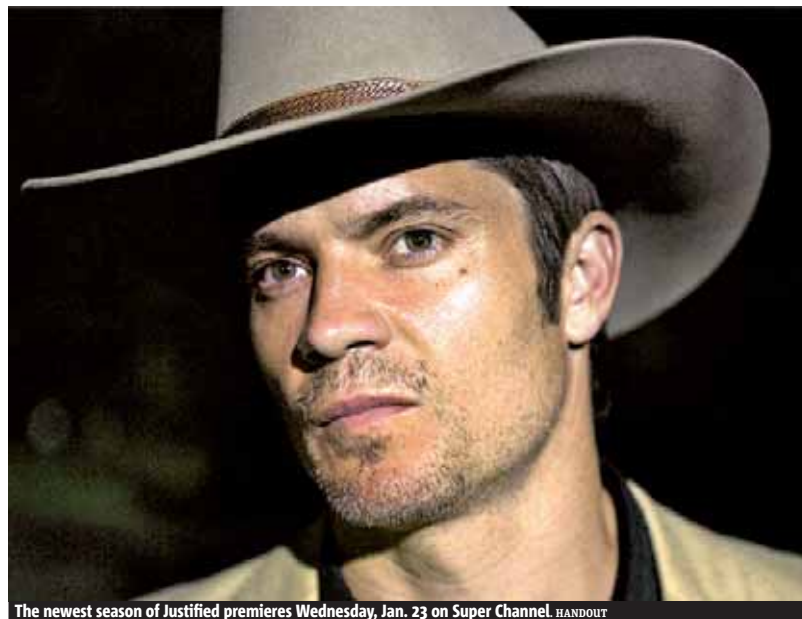
"I wouldn't call it a friendship; I'd call it a working relationship," Olyphant says of the pairing.

On set, however, the alliance was much more chummy. "I can tell you that Patton Oswalt is money — I mean, that guy's so good," Olyphant says. "He makes it a little tough for me to get through a scene with a straight face and yet he's so serious and fantastic. It's just been a pleasure working with him."

Raylan finds himself living above a dive bar and moonlighting as a bounty hunter

The marshal who grew up surrounded by crooks has always tiptoed the line between being a "good guy" and a "bad guy."

That line gets blurred when he illegally takes a side gig to scrape together extra money for the baby he's about to have with his estranged ex-wife.



The newest season of Justified premieres Wednesday, Jan. 23 on Super Channel. HANDOUT

"He seems to be walking right up to the edge now and then, and that's kind of the fun of it — watching how close he can get to that without crossing," Olyphant says of the rule-bending lawman. "There's a fun game that happens now and again where others try to pin him down on who he is and what his intentions were or what would've happened had (a scenario) not gone exactly the way it did. Raylan refuses to allow that. That's a fun character to play."

Raylan as a dad

How will fatherhood affect

the trigger-happy marshal?

"I like the idea creatively, as far as storytelling's concerned, of Raylan being a father," Olyphant says. But don't expect to actually see the character spending a lot of quality time with his child.

"Little kids on the set — they tend to be a pain," Olyphant, a father of three, says. "And if they're not, their parents are."

"So, I don't see us having a kid on the show too much because no one wants to deal with that."

And some things never

change

As long as burgeoning crime boss Boyd Crowder (Walton Goggins) is around, Raylan is going to have his hands full in his hometown.

"You're not going to get through the season without them hooking up," Olyphant says of the show's central antagonistic pair. "What we didn't want to do is just keep it on the same scene over and over. We're doing our best to try to keep the story both familiar but yet unexpected. Stay tuned."

AMBER RAY/MWN



Tina, Amy are Golden's girls

It should be a fun-filled night with Tina Fey of 30 Rock and Amy Poehler of Parks and Recreation hosting the 70th Annual Golden Globe Awards on Sunday. Airing live from Los Angeles, it's a chance for the Hollywood Foreign Press Association to honour achievement in film and television and is a lead-up to the Oscars at the end of February. The nominees for best films are Argo, Django Unchained, Life of Pi, Lincoln and Zero Dark Thirty. NBC / GAVIN BOND

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Taylor Swift.

Taylor Swift gets some un-Wanted dating advice

Taylor Swift has recently broken up with One Direction's Harry Styles, so naturally it's time for rival boy band the Wanted to chime in on Swift's love life.

"I think she should stay

single for a bit," the Wanted's Jay McGuinness tells E! News. Fellow band member Nathan Sykes agrees, adding that Swift should "write a whole album about (being single.)"

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Britney Spears missing her X Factor while hosting



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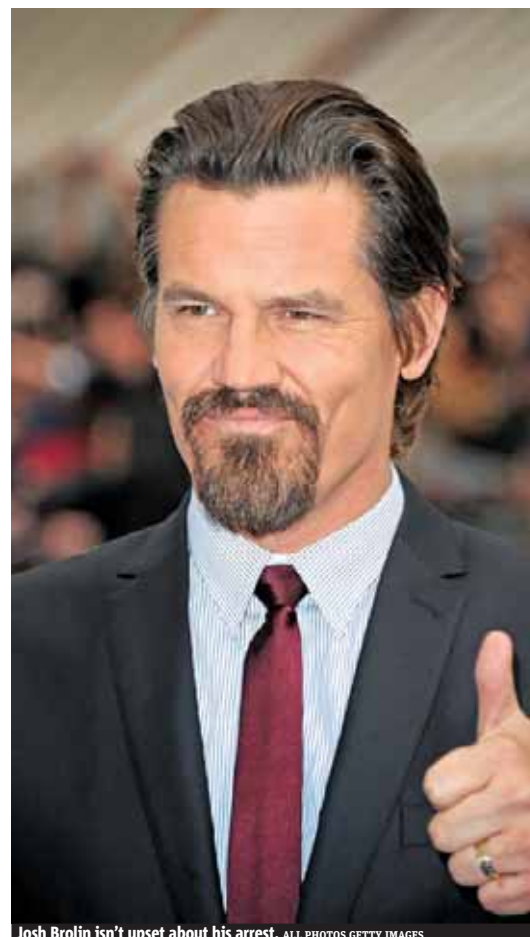
After mixed reviews and speculation that the show's

producers were planning to oust her, Britney Spears has decided to leave the X Factor after one season, according to Us Weekly.

Spears earned \$15 million for her stint as a judge for the singing competition series.

And sources say Simon Cowell and the show's other bosses were less than thrilled by what they got for their money.

Cowell "wanted crazy Britney, but he got boring Britney," a source says.



Josh Brolin isn't upset about his arrest. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Josh Brolin laughs off recent arrest

Josh Brolin is taking his New Year's day arrest for public intoxication in stride.

"New Year's — that's what happened," he says during a visit to Good Morning America. "I'm the one guy who's out there, and they go, 'Hey, there's Josh. Let's grab him.' You know, it was New Year's. It was a pretty innocent thing. It was a fun thing."

If Brolin is upset about anything, it's the grim-

"A fun thing"

"New Year's — that's what happened."

Josh Brolin
Speaking about his recent arrest

faced mugshot that was released from his arrest. "They don't show you the other shot where I turn and have a huge smile on my face," he says. "So you know, whatever."

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When does the "I haven't _____ since LAST year!!" joke get old? #ImStillUsingIt

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Let's clear this up. I love the show girls and the star of the show. Yes, she's heavy but you should see the roll of jello on my belly.

Liquid Assets

Bottles to watch in '13



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This week, I gaze into my crystal goblet to make wine trend predictions for 2013.

Old is new, again: Many of last year's trends will be back in 2013. Look for sweeter reds, semi-sweet white Moscato and mega blends on both the white and red side to continue to dominate.

Malbec is back: Argentina may have the monopoly on the grape, but look for its food friendly personality to invade the shelves of France and non-traditional countries like South Africa.

Aussie Regionality: Down Under will make a play for your palate by focusing attention on its unique regional profiles. Expect McLaren Vale, Yarra Valley, Margaret River and Barossa Valley to take the lead.

Embraceable Iberia: This will be the year for Spain and Portugal. Forget the impossible to pronounce place and grape names; they're all part of the fun.

Oh, Canada: With provinces relaxing interprovincial shipping rules, a bottle from a small winery may be just a mouse click away. Start with Nova Scotia. L'Acadie Vineyards' 2010 Vintage Cuvée (\$25.99) is a mouthful of bubbly that, if you close your eyes, will have you thinking you're drinking champagne. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Adding a smoke (salmon) screen to an Italian classic

An unexpected seafood addition.
Manicotti Stuffed with Smoked Salmon and Cheese in a Creamy Tomato Sauce.



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This can be served as a main meal with a side salad or soup, or it can accompany a main dish.

The smoked salmon gives it a sophisticated flair that makes it a good company dish as well as a nutritious family dinner.

You can substitute jumbo pasta shells (8 ounces will yield about 24 shells) for the manicotti, or stuff approximately 12 cannelloni shells.

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.

Ingredients

- 10 manicotti
- 1 1/4 cups smooth light ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded light cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 oz smoked salmon, chopped
- 1/4 cup finely chopped chives or green onion
- 3 tbsp 2% milk
- 1 egg
- pinch salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups tomato-based pasta sauce
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1/2 cup 2% evaporated milk
- 2 tbsp grated mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil



This recipe serves six. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Spray a 13- by 9-inch baking dish with cooking oil.

2. Cook the manicotti in boiling water according to package instructions, or until firm to the bite, approximately 10 minutes. Drain, cover and set aside.

3. Combine the ricotta, cheddar and Parmesan cheeses in a medium mixing bowl. Add the smoked salmon, chives, 3

tbsp milk, egg, salt and pepper. Mix until well combined. Slit the manicotti along one side and open like a book. Divide the cheese mixture among the manicotti. Close the manicotti around the stuffing.

4. Combine the tomato sauce, basil and 1/2 cup milk in a small bowl and mix until smooth. Pour half the mixture in the bottom of the

prepared baking dish. Place the stuffed manicotti in the baking dish and pour the remaining sauce over the pasta. Sprinkle with the mozzarella cheese.

5. Cover and bake for 15 minutes, or until hot through. Garnish with the chopped fresh basil before serving.

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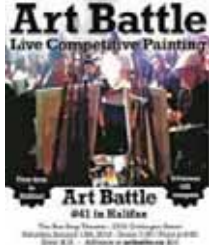
Swim Upstream: Open Waters Festival

Upstream Music Association artistic director Paul Cram is putting on the Upstream Music's Annual Open Waters Festival of new and improvised music. As in previous years, Upstream continues to promote visionary ensembles with fresh concepts from across Atlantic Canada who meet the yearly challenge of being heard and inspired by our increasingly knowledgeable festival audience. For the full schedule and more information visit upstreammusic.org.



Har F—in' Har: Funny F#^%in' Fridays

Menz Bar Proudly presents the start of the 2013 program beginning Friday with Funny F#@kin' Fridays featuring "Halifax's 2nd Funniest Comedian" Mr. Gerry Farr. Farr has been in the Halifax comedy scene since the age of 21. He started his stand-up comedy career at the now closed Ginger's Tavern in Halifax through fellow veteran comedian Paul Ash. Along side Megan McDowell he returns to Menz Bar for his bi-weekly show. For information visit menzbar.ca.



Paint Off: Art Battle Halifax

It's time for local artist to mix it up in Halifax's first Art Battle. The Art Battle is a live competitive paint-off. Painters create the best work they can in 20 minutes and as they work, the audience moves around the easels. The medium is acrylic paint and the tools allowed are brushes, palette knives or any non-mechanical implements. At the end of the round, the audience votes democratically for their favourite work. Artbattle.ca.



Spin for the Cause: The Ride to Conquer Cancer

To kick off this year's fundraising season, participants for The Ride to Conquer Cancer are starting their campaign. This weekend, with help from Cyclone Cycling, there will be a "by donation" spin class. Open to all levels, this one hour class Sunday at 1 p.m. is about having fun, being healthy and giving back. Guaranteed to be a special event and, if that doesn't sway you, there will be prizes and treats. For more information visit: conquercancer.ca



Bring the Beat Back: Three Sheet

The Searhorse Tavern hosts Three Sheet Friday at 9 p.m. For \$10 you can witness this five member, genre-bending power house with a firm base in hip hop and backed by 100 per cent beatbox percussion. With a highly portable composition of three microphones, a guitar, and a bass, Three Sheet is known for their mind-melting organic sound with no samples, no loops and no synthesized drums.



Last Chance: Illegal Killer Trade

This weekend is your last chance to visit the Museum of Natural History's Illegal Killer Trade exhibit. Said to be a shopping trip unlike any other Illegal Killer Trade is an interactive exhibit that explores the illegal trade of animals throughout the world. Visitors begin by picking a destination and soon find themselves shopping at a bazaar where animals are the basis of many products.

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Mooseheads trio rested and ready to go after break

Welcome back.

MacKinnon, Drouin, Frk back in lineup after playing at world junior championship



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Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin had something they aren't used to during the winter months — downtime from hockey.

They spent some of it watching TV. Video games were also a go-to favourite.

But now the rest is over for the two 17-year-olds, who played for Canada at the world junior hockey championships in Ufa, Russia, and the focus returns to hockey and the Halifax Mooseheads.

"It was some needed rest," MacKinnon said after being one of the last players off the ice following practice on Thursday, his first time on skates since Canada's loss to Russia in the bronze-medal game on Jan. 5. "But I'm back

with the Mooseheads now."

The world juniors can be a gruelling experience, especially when overseas. First, there's making the team, then the travel, and finally the pressure-filled games over the course of two weeks.

But MacKinnon and Drouin say they are both ready and excited to return to the lineup Friday when Halifax hosts the Blainsville-Boisbriand Armada at 7 p.m.

"I'm good. I feel good," MacKinnon said. "I think I've adjusted back to this time. I'm ready to go for the second half."

Drouin saw more ice time in Russia than MacKinnon and played a bigger role. Drouin also displayed his gifted offensive skills, which has led him to now being mentioned as a likely top-five pick for this year's NHL draft.

"I think my stock went up a little bit, but I wasn't going there to do that," said Drouin, who arrived in Halifax Thursday afternoon and rejoined his teammates following practice. "I was trying to win a gold medal for Can-



Jonathan Drouin will play his first game with the Halifax Mooseheads in a month on Friday night. JEFF HARPER/METRO

ada and that didn't happen. That's just the way it went."

Halifax will also have Martin Frk back in the lineup Friday after he played for Team

Czech Republic.

The Mooseheads went 8-1-1 with its top three scorers away to remain the Canadian Hockey League's top-ranked

team.

"They did an unreal job," MacKinnon said. "They lost a couple of games, but that's it."

Moodie impressive in his debut for Rainmen

Cedric Moodie had 20 points in his Rainmen debut as Halifax defeated the host Saint John Mill Rats 102-89 in National Basketball League of Canada play on Thursday night at Harbour Station.

Quinnel Brown and Antoine Tisby also had big games for the Rainmen, who improved to 11-12 and into a tie for second place in the At-

Boards

68

The number of rebounds the Rainmen had compared to Saint John's 41.

lantic Conference with Saint John.

Brown had 19 points and

12 rebounds while Tisby netted 10 and hauled down 11 boards.

The Rainmen broke open the game in the third quarter when they went on a 13-0 run against Saint John.

Halifax is now off until next weekend when they hit the road for games against the Oshawa Power and Windsor XPress. **METRO**

QMJHL

Duke out for at least a month with shoulder injury

The Halifax Mooseheads will be missing dependable blue-liner Brendan Duke for the next little while.

The 19-year-old defenceman from Cole Harbour injured his shoulder during a first-period fight on Wednesday night against the Bathurst Titan and will be sidelined

for at least a month.

Duke has 13 points and a plus-2 rating in 34 games for Halifax this season.

Also out of the lineup Friday when Halifax hosts the Blainsville-Boisbriand Armada at 7 p.m. is blue-liner MacKenzie Weegar.

He was assessed an instigator penalty in the last five minutes of Wednesday's game that Halifax led by more than two goals, which carries an automatic one-game ban. **METRO**

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NFL. Study says Seau had brain disease when he committed suicide

When he ended his life last year by shooting himself in the chest, Junior Seau had a degenerative brain disease often linked with repeated blows to the head.

Researchers from the National Institutes of Health said Thursday the former NFL star's abnormalities are consistent with chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE.

The hard-hitting linebacker played for 20 NFL seasons with San Diego, Miami and New England before retiring in 2009. He died at age 43 of a self-inflicted gunshot in May, and his family requested the analysis of his brain.

Lawsuits

The NFL faces lawsuits by thousands of former players who say the league withheld information on the harmful effects of concussions.

"It was important to us to get to the bottom of this, the truth," his ex-wife Gina Seau said. "And now that it has been conclusively determined from every expert that he had obviously had CTE, we just hope it is taken more seriously."

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NFL

No hometown love for Tebow

Tim Tebow won't be playing for his hometown team.

The Jacksonville Jaguars made it clear Thursday that they have no plans to pursue the popular and polarizing New York Jets

backup quarterback.

The Jets are likely to release the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner and Jacksonville native during the off-season.

"I can't imagine a scenario in which he'll be a Jacksonville Jaguar — even if he's released," new general manager David Caldwell said at his introductory news conference.

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Leafs 'move forward' after Burke's firing

There was a markedly different vibe at the Toronto Maple Leafs' practice facility Thursday.

Players were clearly still coming to terms with the stunning front-office moves from a day earlier when Brian Burke was relieved of his general manager and team president duties and Dave Nonis was promoted to GM.

"I was definitely shocked," Maple Leafs defenceman Dion Phaneuf said. "That's the biggest word I could use to describe it."

Burke spent over four years at the helm of the club but was unable to guide the Maple Leafs to a playoff spot. Nonis will be in charge of a team that is looking to make its first post-season appearance since 2004.

"It's a tough part of pro sport," Phaneuf said. "I have a lot of respect for (Burke) but now we move forward. Like I said, I've got a good relationship with (Nonis) and now as a group, we're ready to work for him and go in the direction that he wants us to."

Nonis will have his work cut out for him. The Maple Leafs are a young squad coming off a disappointing 13th-place finish in the Eastern Conference.

Phaneuf will be an anchor on a blue-line that has been



Phil Kessel leaves the locker room to take to the ice for an informal Maple Leafs practice in Toronto on Thursday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

inconsistent in the past. Forwards Joffrey Lupul, Phil Kessel and James van Riemsdyk provide a decent core up front, but several question marks remain.

Will goalie James Reimer bounce back from injury and shut out the persistent Roberto Luongo-to-Toronto rumours? Will youngster Nazem Kadri make an impact with the big club? And how will the players perform for a full season under head coach Randy Carlyle?

There won't be much time to get ready.

Skating with the big boys

A few of the Toronto Marlies were on hand for Thursday's hour-plus session. About two dozen players took part and the pace of the scrimmage was noticeably higher than previous days.

- Morgan Rielly, the team's fifth-overall selection in the 2012 draft, also participated. He played for Canada at the recent world junior hockey championships in Russia.

NHL players are expected to ratify the new collective bargaining agreement this week and training camps around the league will likely begin Sunday. The league is looking at a 48-game schedule to begin Jan. 19.

"We have to put this behind us," Phaneuf said. "Everyone has a lot of respect for (Burke) and what he did for every guy here."

"But with saying that, we've got to move forward and focus on the start of the year, having a good training camp and coming together as a group because it's going to be a short time together before we start playing games." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Quarterback Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers throws the ball against the Minnesota Vikings on Jan. 5 in Green Bay, Wis. Rodgers is returning to Northern California, where he became a college star. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

Rodgers facing 49ers team that passed him up in draft

NFL. Packers QB finally gets to play a meaningful game at stadium where he used to root for 49ers

The anxiety-filled green room and draft day seem so long ago now to Aaron Rodgers.

Still, this weekend, any lingering feelings of frustration about how far he dropped will be directed at the team that passed him up with the No. 1 pick nearly eight years ago.

Rodgers brings the high-scoring Green Bay Packers (12-5) to Candlestick Park on Saturday to face No. 2 seed San Francisco (11-4-1) in prime time for a place in the NFC championship game. He'll take the field in the very venue where he became a regular fan as a boy rooting for Hall of Famers Jerry Rice and Steve Young.

Rodgers will look to avenge a 30-22 season-opening home loss to the 49ers.

"It will be fun. I went to

a few baseball games there growing up, and saw a game there when I was in college," Rodgers said. "Stadium's got a lot of tradition. Looks like we're kind of fortunate with the weather right now. Still wonder what that's going to be like."

Rodgers returns to Northern California, where he became a college star for California across San Francisco Bay in Berkeley, with a healthy cast of receivers and the swagger of a Super Bowl champion.

When Rodgers dropped to No. 24 in the 2005 draft after Alex Smith went No. 1, he was asked about his disappointment. He matter-of-factly said, "Not as disappointed as the 49ers will be that they didn't draft me."

Now, everybody in the Bay Area and beyond will be watching his every move again.

Even San Francisco's opportunistic, ball-hawking defence realizes just how hard it will be to rattle Rodgers or get him off his game. He hasn't thrown an interception in five straight games and 177 passes.

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d-Miami	23	10	.697	—
d-New York	23	11	.676	1/2
d-Indiana	21	14	.600	3
Atlanta	20	14	.588	3 1/2
Chicago	19	14	.576	4
Brooklyn	20	15	.571	4
Milwaukee	18	16	.529	5 1/2
Boston	18	17	.514	6
Philadelphia	15	22	.405	10
Toronto	13	22	.371	11
Detroit	13	23	.361	11 1/2
Orlando	12	23	.343	12
Charlotte	9	25	.265	14 1/2
Cleveland	9	28	.243	16
Washington	5	28	.152	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-L.A. Clippers	28	8	.778	—
d-Oklahoma City	27	8	.771	1/2
d-San Antonio	28	10	.737	1
Memphis	23	10	.697	3 1/2
Golden State	22	12	.647	5
Houston	21	15	.583	7
Denver	21	16	.568	7 1/2
Portland	19	15	.559	8
Utah	19	18	.514	9 1/2
Minnesota	16	16	.500	10
L.A. Lakers	15	20	.429	12 1/2
Sacramento	13	22	.371	14 1/2
Dallas	13	23	.361	15
Phoenix	12	25	.324	16 1/2
New Orleans	10	25	.286	17 1/2

Thursday's results

New York at Indiana
Dallas at Sacramento
Miami at Portland
Wednesday's results
Utah 112 Charlotte 102
Cleveland 99 Atlanta 83
Toronto 90 Philadelphia 72
Boston 87 Phoenix 79
San Antonio 108 L.A. Lakers 105
Milwaukee 104 Chicago 96
Oklahoma City 106 Minnesota 84
New Orleans 88 Houston 79
Denver 108 Orlando 105
L.A. Clippers 99 Dallas 93
Memphis 94 Golden State 87

Friday's games

Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

AHL

Thursday's result

Lake Erie 5 San Antonio 1
Wednesday's results
Syracuse 5 Rochester 3
Binghamton 3 W-B/Scranton 1
Grand Rapids 6 Rockford 3
Friday's games
All Times Eastern
Toronto at St. John's, 6 p.m.
Albany at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Adirondack at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Bridgeport at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Hershey at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Hamilton at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Worcester, 7:30 p.m.
Norfolk at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Lake Erie at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

NFL

PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
AFC — Baltimore at Denver, 4:30 p.m.
NFC — Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Sunday's games
NFC — Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
AFC — Houston at New England, 4:30 p.m.
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Thursday's results

Atletico Madrid 0, Getafe 0, Atletico Madrid advances on 3-0 aggregate
Barcelona 5, Cordoba 0, Barcelona advances on 7-0 aggregate
Real Betis 1, Las Palmas 0, Real Betis advances on 2-1 aggregate

TENNIS

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Thursday's results

Singles

Quarter-finals

Philipp Kohlschreiber (2), Germany, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Sam Querrey (4), United States, def. Jesse Levine, Canada, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-1.
Gael Monfils, France, def. Tommy Haas (3), Germany, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles

Quarter-finals

Colin Fleming, Britain, and Bruno Soares (1), Brazil, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, and Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-3, 6-4.
Johan Brunstrom, Sweden, and Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, def. Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, and Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Michal Mertinak, Slovakia, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, and Frank Moser, Germany, walkover.

APIA INTERNATIONAL

At Sydney, Australia

(seatings in parentheses):

Men's Singles

Quarter-finals

Andreas Seppi (3), Italy, def. Marcel Granollers (8), Spain, 6-4, 7-5.
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 6-4, 6-2.
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-4, 6-3.
Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-2.

Women's Singles

Semifinals

Agnieszka Radwanska (1), Poland, def. Li Na (4), China, 6-3, 6-4.
Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, def. Angelique Kerber (2), Germany, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
Men's Doubles
Quarter-finals
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Horia Tecau (4), Romania, def. Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and Daniel Nestor, Canada, 6-3, 6-4.

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Today's new moon urges you to make the most of an opportunity of some kind. Being the ambitious sort you want to move up in the world, so let the powers that be know what you can do — by doing it.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

At some stage today, you will realize that life is both more complicated and more simple than you have up until now imagined. What matters though is that you are thinking for yourself. So few people ever do.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The new moon will give you a pointer as to what you should be doing and who you should be doing it with. It also suggests that you could make some serious money, but only as part of a team.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You can now see with the utmost clarity what needs to be done to restore a relationship to its former glory. Don't let what went before get in the way of what needs to be done right now.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You run the risk of getting bogged down by details that could and should be left until another day, if not ignored altogether. Focus on essentials only, such as getting ahead in your career and making a fortune.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There is nothing you cannot do if you put your mind to it. Today's new moon in Capricorn will give you the confidence you need to embark on a new adventure, something you have wanted to do for years.

♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Use whatever information comes your way today to your advantage. Most likely you will learn something about a social rival or work associate that they don't want you to know. At last you've got some leverage!

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The more you talk things through with partners and colleagues today, the more they and you will understand that your interests are one and the same. Communication is the key to success — and lasting friendship.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Follow your instincts today, especially where money matters and business deals are concerned. No matter what the facts and figures may say if you sense that something is not quite right you must hold back.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

What would you do if you knew you could not fail? So why are you not doing it now? A new moon in your sign makes this the ideal day to follow your dream, no matter how outrageous it may be.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

What you need to convince yourself of today is that your fear is based on an illusion caused by your determination to always seem to be in control. Let fate guide you over the next 24 hours. You'll enjoy the results.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Today's new moon suggests you are about to make new friends, and what these new friends have to tell you will get you thinking in interesting ways. You don't know it all — at least not yet. **SALLY BROMPTON**

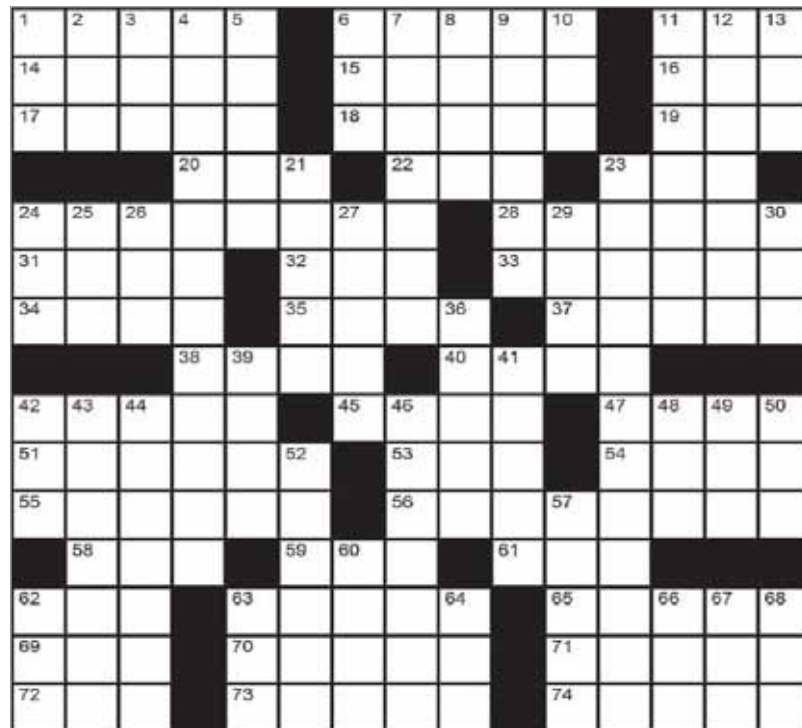
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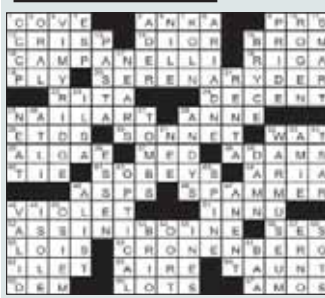
1. "Gangster ____" (2013), new movie starring #46-Down
6. Prince William's sister-in-law
11. Mr. DiCaprio, to pals
14. "FairyTale: ____ Story" (1997)
15. "____ business!"
16. ____ Darya (Asian river)
17. Canadian rock group
18. Wheat type
19. Where, in Latin
20. Pull
22. Intro-to-nickname letters
23. Monk's title
24. To Ontario's left on a map, The ____
28. Doves
31. Country's Brooks & ____
32. "____ Doubtfire" (1993)
33. "Aha!"
34. On
35. Thompson Twins tune
37. Gumption
38. Ear-related
40. Opposing
42. Madeleine of ABC's "Revenge"
45. Prefix to 'culture'
47. Film set job
51. Lay things ____ : 2 wds.
53. Acorned tree
54. Comfy spot
55. Ancient military city
56. The ____ Channel
58. Elevs.
59. Singer Mr. Bachman
61. Pres. Ford's Vice-Pres.
62. Universal ideal
63. Mr. B. DeMille
65. Burlesque Queen, Dita Von ____
69. Bering, e.g.
70. Air conditioners company
71. Debated topic
72. "Gangnam Style" guy
73. Hippie's salute
74. Piano legend Mr. Peterson

Down

1. Tree treat
2. CFL game period, for short
3. Spoonbender Mr. Geller
4. Mike Myers character: 2 wds.
5. Take*exception to
6. TV's Magnum, et al.
7. Deadlock
8. Glance
9. Buckingham ____
10. Picnic invader
11. Prime Minister Harper's wife
12. Begins a cruise
13. Montreal affirmative
21. John Rhys-Davies' part in 'Lord of the Rings' flicks
23. Association the Golden Globe Awards, The Hollywood ____ : 2 wds.
24. Celeb couple's caught-by-paps moment
25. Groove
26. Year: Spanish
27. Susan's role from "All My Children"
29. Dethrone
30. Freelancer's encl. to an editor
36. Ms. McLachlan
39. Check
41. Camera company
42. Roads, for short
43. Magicians' costumes parts: 2 wds.
46. Speech-giver's skill
46. Canadian actor Ryan
48. Louis XIV, par exemple
49. Lithium-____ battery
50. Canada Post delivery, e.g.
52. McCain tidbits, Tasti ____
57. "____ Lanterns" by Kim Mitchell
60. Health food berry
62. Cup o' Earl Grey stirrer
63. CBC rival
64. "Dancing with the Stars" judge Mr. Goodman
66. Computer keyboard key
67. "Dalla ____ Pace": Aria in Mozart opera Don Giovanni
68. Suffix with 'Musket'



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